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TO AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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SUBJECT: US-USSR OPEN OCEAN TSUNAMI EXPERIMENT

1. FOR APPROXIMATELY 75 DAYS DURING PERIOD AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 1978, THE U.S. AND THE USSR PLAN TO CONDUCT AN OPEN OCEAN TSUNAMI EXPERIMENT IN AN AREA ABOUT TWENTY MILES OFFSHORE HOKKAIDO AND SHIKOTAN. WE UNDERSTAND THAT A SIMILAR EXPERIMENT WAS CONDUCTED IN THIS AREA IN 1975. THE PROJECT LEADER, MR. BERTRAND J. THOMPSON OF THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION, IS NOW TRAVELING IN ASIA AND WILL BE IN TOKYO FROM FEBRUARY 26 TO MARCH 5. HE HAS INDICATED HIS INTEREST IN DISCUSSING THIS EXPERIMENT WITH EMBASSY PERSONNEL. IF THE EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE USEFUL, MR. THOMPSON HAS ALSO EXPRESSED HIS WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS THE PROJECT WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EARTHQUAKE RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF JAPAN.

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2. MR. THOMPSON WILL STAY AT THE FAIRMONT HOTEL WHILE IN TOKYO. SUGGEST THAT EMBASSY CONTACT HIM THERE TO ARRANGE FOR BRIEFING ON PROJECT. VANCE

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